



# Sweetwater Tennis Center



*A guide to tennis*

*in your community*



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**SWEETWATER TENNIS CENTER**

2447 Clay Road

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# Welcome

Cobb County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department offers tennis programming that suits anyone that is interested in the game. Cobb has 112 tennis courts located throughout the county. With 6 full-service tennis centers and 12 additional satellite tennis facilities, there is sure to be a tennis court in your area. Programs are offered for the newest beginner to the highest level of play. Cobb's tennis program is ready to help you hit the tennis courts!



Sweetwater Facility Manager,  
Charlie McCoy

Sweetwater Tennis Center is one of South Cobb's "*best kept secrets*." Our tennis center has 8 newly re-constructed hard courts and stocked pro shop that includes complete racquet care service. This includes stringing, racquet analysis, and re-gripping. Sweetwater now offers space for all USTA and ALTA teams that are seeking a home. Many participants in the various singles and doubles leagues like to call Sweetwater their home as well. Please either come by or call if you would like to be added to a team for league play. Please note the many programs we offer in the following pages.

# Community Growth

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## The growth and expansion of Sweetwater

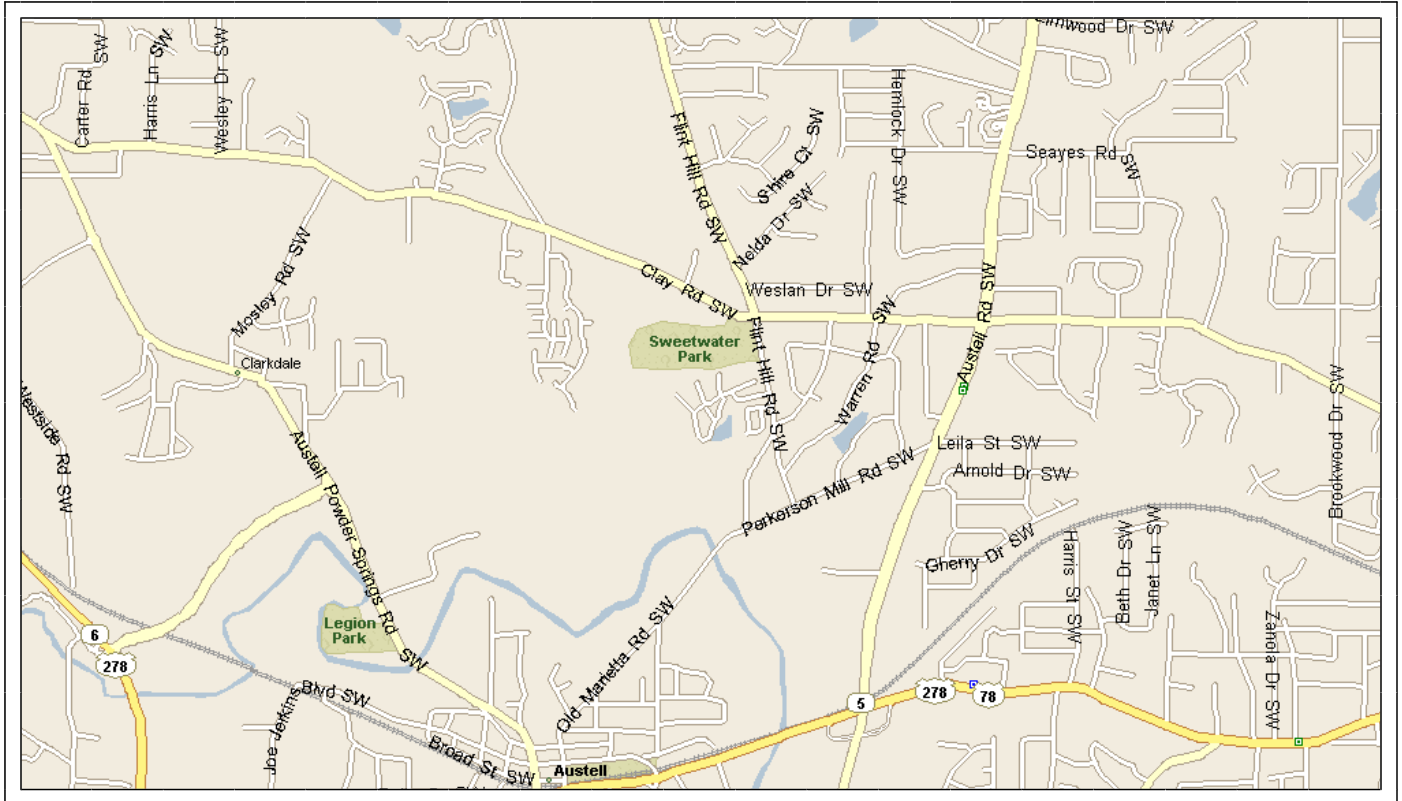
Sweetwater Tennis Center has registered as a NJTL-National Junior tennis League member. The USTA/National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) is a nation-wide network of community tennis organizations seeking to develop the character of young people through tennis and education. Founded in 1969 by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder, this growing network of tennis providers share similar values, ideals and goals by:

1. reaching out to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to play the sport,
2. instilling in youngsters the values of leadership and academic excellence,
3. giving all kids (regardless of income, race, gender) the opportunity to fully develop their tennis skills so they can derive a lifetime of enjoyment from the sport.

The NJTL is a great way for kids to get exercise, make friends and have fun in a team-orientated and safe environment. NJTLs offer a variety of on- and off-court programming, emphasizing educational and life-skill components to enhance overall development. Many of the costs associated with running a program are decentralized by in-kind and monetary support from the USTA, allowing for local chapters/programs to provide high-quality programming for their constituents.

# Directions

A map to Sweetwater Tennis Center



## ***Sweetwater Park***

2447 Clay Road

Austell, GA 30106

(770) 819- 3221

### ***Programs Offered:***

Adult Softball, Tennis Programs

### ***Amenities Available:***

4 Softball fields, Sweetwater Tennis Center (8 courts), Picnic pavilion,

Concession building, Batting cage



# Satellite Courts

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## Hurt Road and Wallace Park

### ***Hurt Road***

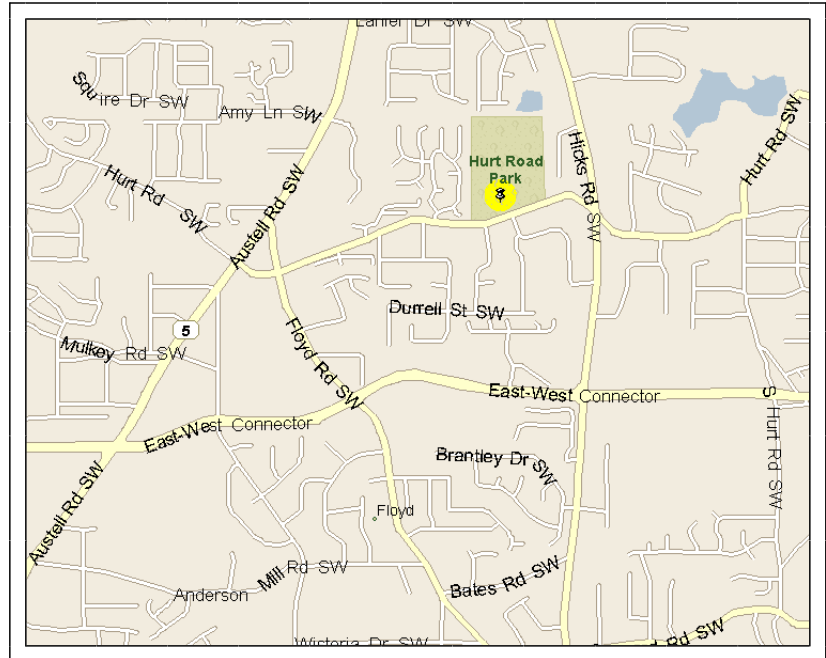
990 Hurt Road

Marietta, GA 30008

(770) 528- 8810

*Programs Offered:* Youth Softball

*Amenities Available:* 2 Softball fields, Batting cages, Picnic pavilion, 2 Concession buildings, 4 Tennis courts, Basketball courts, Walking trail, 1 Playground



### ***Wallace Park***

6289 Pisgah Road

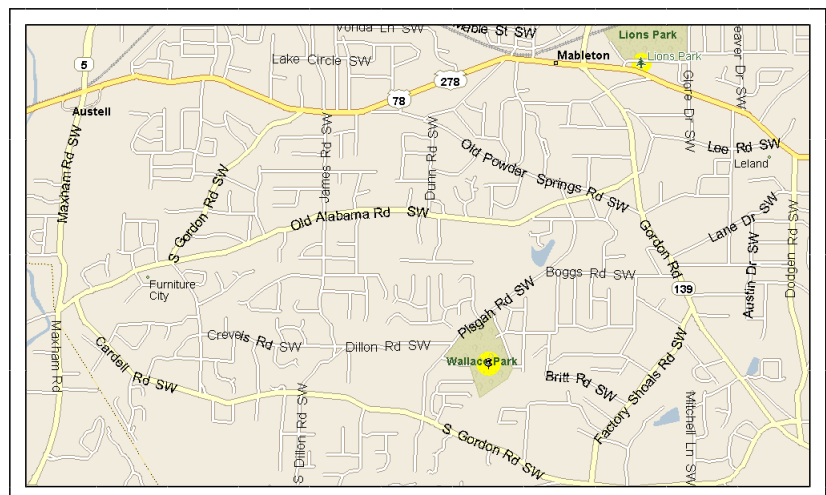
Mableton, GA 30126

(770) 528- 8810

*Programs Offered:* Youth Baseball

Youth Football

*Amenities Available:* 2 Picnic pavilions, 1 Playground, 4 Tennis Courts, 1 Softball Field, 2 Baseball fields, 1 Football field, 2 Concession buildings, 2 Batting cages, multi-purpose courts.



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# ***Instruction***

## ***Tennis Classes***

We offer tennis classes for entry level beginners and advanced beginners. If you ever wanted to learn to play tennis, this is where to begin!

Classes meet 1 hour per week (1/2 hour for tots 3-4 years old) for 6 weeks. Classes are \$48 for Cobb County residents, \$73 for non-residents. Tots are \$24 for residents and \$49 for non-residents.

Classes are offered on various days and times during the week and are coached by one of our amazing tennis pros! For more information on classes, call us at (770) 819 3221!

If the web is more your thing, come check us out at:

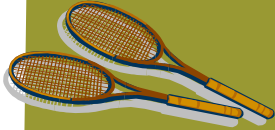
<http://prca.cobbcountyga.gov/SweetwaterTennisCenter.htm>.

## ***Private Lessons and Team Coaching***

Our teaching staff is available for private lessons and team coaching. For information or to set up a time, call Sweetwater at (770) 819-3221.

# Drills

Special Events lead by tennis professionals



## Cardio Tennis

**The High energy workout for heart pumping fitness**

**Cardio Tennis is a new, fun, group activity featuring drills to give players of all abilities an ultimate, high-energy workout.**

**Monday, 7– 8 PM**

Cost is \$12 per person\*

Class is limited to 10 players.

Please, call SWTC to reserve your spot.

**(770) 819-3221**



## Drills, Skills & Thrills “DST”

**Monday: 8—9:30 PM**

**Thursday: 8:30—10 PM**

**Saturday: 10:30—12 PM**

Cost is \$12 per person

Call Sweetwater Tennis Center to reserve your place on the court!  
(Reservations recommended)

**(770) 819- 3221**

**Drills & Cardio Tennis by: Eddie Gomez, Head Tennis Pro**

(770) 639-8758      [uspta10spro@gmail.com](mailto:uspta10spro@gmail.com)

\*If you would like to do a combination class on Monday (cardio + drills) the charge is only \$20. Must participate in both classes for that day to receive discount.

Days and times could be changed at any time, please contact Sweetwater Tennis Center or e-mail Eddie Gomez to receive the most up-to-date information.



## **Advanced Junior Drills, Skills & Thrills “DST”**

**Tuesday:** 5:30-7:00 PM  
Cost is \$10 per person

***Drills by: Eddie Gomez, Head Tennis Pro***

(Reservations recommended)

**Call the tennis center at  
(770) 819-3221**

Please e-mail Eddie Gomez and let him know if you would like to be added to his e-mail list so that you can be updated on any of the programs he offers.  
Eddie's e-mail address: [uspta10spro@gmail.com](mailto:uspta10spro@gmail.com)



## Adult Drills

**Adult morning drills by  
Staff Pro, Mykel Stephens,**

**Men & women of all levels.**

**Monday:** 9—10:30 AM

**Wednesday:** 9:00—10:30 AM

Cost is \$10 per person

***Call (770) 819– 3221 for reservations  
Or contact Mykel Stephens at  
[bmike2323@gmail.com](mailto:bmike2323@gmail.com)***

## Ladies' Doubles Drill Clinic

Open to ladies of all abilities and levels. This clinic focuses on practicing the strokes and directionals that are needed for high percentage decision making. Additionally, each player will be introduced to and practice the 4 phases of point construction. Sign up should be done by contacting

Mykel Stephens at [bmike2323@gmail.com](mailto:bmike2323@gmail.com).

Every Monday morning from 10:30am -12:00pm.

The cost is \$15 per visit.

(Reservations recommended)

Clinic is limited to 8 players.

# Teams and Leagues

County-sponsored USTA /ALTA affiliations

## **ALTA**

The Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association was first registered with The United States Lawn Tennis Association in 1934. The purpose of the organization at that time was to promote tennis tournaments and junior tennis development in the Atlanta area. ALTA started league play in 1971 with less than 1,000 members. It grew to almost 10,000 in 1975, 35,000 in 1982, and over 51,000 in 1988. Today ALTA has approximately 80,000 members. It has evolved from a small group of volunteers to a large non-profit corporation licensed by the State of Georgia and recognized by tennis players around the world. ALTA is devoted to the development of tennis for recreation and physical fitness and is pledged to maintaining the rules of play and high standard of sportsmanship.

### **Adults:**

- Men, Women and Super Senior Men (55 + years old) have spring and fall seasons.
- Senior Men (45 + years old) have a summer session.
- Mixed Doubles leagues have winter and summer seasons.

### **Juniors:**

- Junior teams have spring and fall seasons.

## **USTA**

USTA Leagues generally are conducted in the winter and summer. Leagues for all ages are offered, including:

### **Adults:**

- Men and Women
- Mixed Doubles
- Senior Men and Women
- Super Senior Men and Women (65 +)
- Super Senior Men (70 +)

### **Juniors**

Call Sweetwater at (770) 819 -3221 if you are interested in joining a league, would like to make Sweetwater your home courts, or have any questions.

# 2011 Tournaments

## Sweetwater Frostbite Jr Championships

**Dates:** January 28-30  
**Events:** BG(10-18)s, SE  
**Fee:** \$20  
**Deadline:** January 24  
 ID#: 703405911

## Sweetwater Senior Singles Classic

**Dates:** March 4-6  
**Events:** M(25-80)s, FMLC  
 W(25,35,45,55,65)s, FMLC  
**Fee:** \$23  
**Deadline:** February 28  
 ID#: 703423311

## Sweetwater NTRP Spring Championships

**Dates:** April 29—May 1  
**Events:** MW(Open, 2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0,4.5,5.0)s, SE  
**Fee:** \$23  
**Deadline:** April 25  
 ID#: 703408811

## Sweetwater Summer NTRP Classic

**Dates:** June 17-19  
**Events:** MX(Open)d, MW(3.0-5.0)s, SE  
 Combo MW  
 (6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0,10.0)d, SE  
**Fee:** \$17 singles,  
 \$12 doubles per player  
**Deadline:** June 13  
 ID#: 703441411

## Sweetwater "Back to School" Blowout

**Dates:** August 20-21  
**Events:** BG(10-18)s, FIC  
**Fee:** \$23  
**Deadline:** August 16  
 ID#: 703443911

## "Cobb Christmas" Adult NTRP Classic

**Dates:** November 4-6  
**Events:** MW(2.5-5.0)s,  
 MW(3.0-4.5)d  
**Fee:** \$15+new toy+new balls/player/event  
**Deadline:** October 31  
 ID#: 703437811

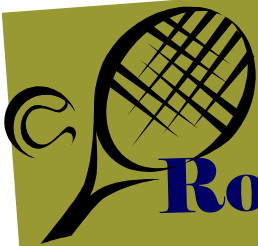
All tournaments are **on-line registration only!**

The website is <http://prca.cobbcountyga.gov/tennis>.

Call Sweetwater Tennis Center at (770) 819 3221, for individual tournament information.



# *Tennis Round Robin Socials*



## **Rock'n Round Robins**

Come join in for fun and friendship at our Round Robin Social. We offer doubles play at all levels and ability. You don't need to bring a partner— players are mixed and matched according to your level. Tennis balls, court fee & water provided!

**Every Friday :** 7:30—9:30 PM till the "Rock'n's" over!

**Cost:** \$6 per person

Reservations can be made  
by calling  
Sweetwater Tennis Center  
(770) 819 3221



# Development Programs

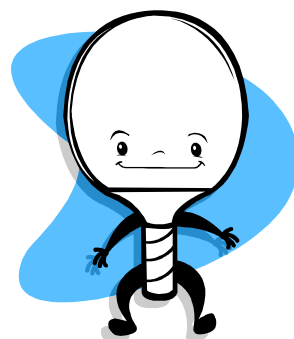
Sweetwater Tennis Center now offers an extensive choice of programs for children and juniors. Two of our newest programs are offered to junior & adult players who have completed sessions in our beginner and advanced beginner tennis classes. These programs are based on ability.

**Build-A-Player Program** - This program is offered to the advanced beginner player who has finished at least one 6 week session of the advanced beginner tennis classes, from ages 7 and up. It is a natural progression and introduction to more specific stroke development. Through the use of line drills and game based drills, the player will begin to learn the importance of self control, ball control and consistency.

The Build-A-Player groups will meet for 90 minutes, once a week. The cost of this program is \$55 per month. This program meets year-round. We currently offer the following days and times:

Mondays @ 4:30-6:00pm (Juniors 7-15 years)  
Wednesdays @ 4:30-6:00pm (Adults 16+)

For more information & enrollment,  
contact staff pro, Mykel Stephens at  
bmike2323@gmail.com or (770) 819-3221.





**Competition Development Program** - This program is designed for the junior high or high school player who is currently on or going out for his/her team. This group emphasizes match strategy, competition, and technique development. This program is offered to the junior player who can demonstrate some ball control, directional control, and may play junior ALTA or USTA league tennis. Attention to specific grips and footwork are important focal points of this program. As this player may be a bit older and experienced, he/she will learn how important good technique and self control will come into play through the use of live ball drills and more competitive game based drills.

The monthly cost for this program is \$95.

Thursdays @ 5:00-7:00pm

For more information & enrollment,  
contact staff pro, Mykel Stephens at  
bmike2323@gmail.com or (678) 396-1372.



Please e-mail Mykel Stephens and let him know if you would like to be added to his e-mail list so that you can be updated on any of the programs he offers.  
Mykel's e-mail address: bmike2323@gmail.com

# Tennis Professionals

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(Head Pro, USPTA, PTR)
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# Eddie Gomez



Eddie is a certified professional through the Professional Tennis Registry and the United States Professional Tennis Association where he has a P-2 professional level. He formerly was the head pro at the Legacy Park Tennis Center and has worked with many other tennis centers. He is a certified stringer and is a member of the United States Racquet Stringers Association. Also, he is a member of the Georgia Professional Tennis Association. His company name is Top Notch Tennis and his academies will operate under this umbrella.

## ***Mykel Stephens (PTR)***

## ***Gary Brown (PTR)***

Gary is a certified PTR instructor through the Professional Tennis registry. His passion for the game of tennis is surpassed only by his experience and dedication to youth tennis. He has over 25 years of tennis and teaching experience including all ages, groups and private lessons.

His company name is Ad Here Tennis:  
ashererennis@yahoo.com



# Craig Garrettson

Tennis Professional



Craig Garrettson has been teaching tennis for over 20 years, and has specialized in junior academies and adult lessons. He's a former Sweetwater Tennis Pro and has successfully coached his ALTA teams to the city finals. Craig has also taught at many tennis clubs in Long Island, NY and was ranked in the Top 10 in the American Tennis Association (ATA) in Men's 50's and Doubles. He relocated to Georgia in 1998 after retiring from Bell Atlantic. Craig is also a member of the Certified Tennis Professional Registry.

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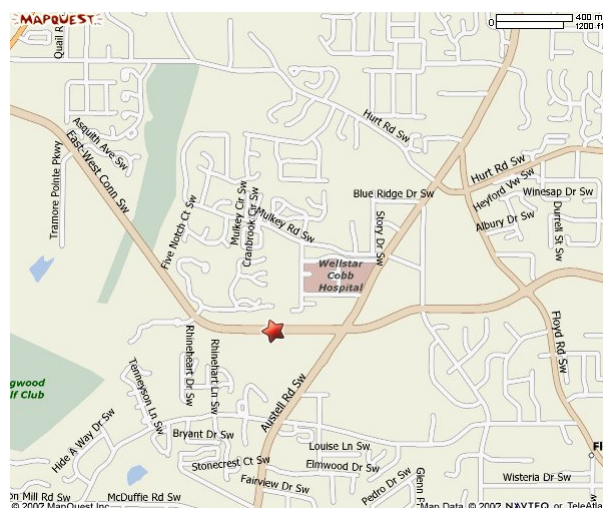
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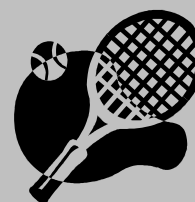
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